

## EARLY VOTING SET FOR CITY ELECTION

It's the most popular way that Phoenix residents cast their ballots - voting by mail.

This month residents can sign up to vote early by mail for the Sept. 9 Mayor and Council Election.



To vote early by mail, a written request by the voter is required for each election. Once a request is received and verified by the City Clerk Department, a ballot will be mailed to the voter in August.

Request forms to vote early by mail will be mailed to registered voters beginning June 11. The forms also will be available on the same date at phoenix.gov and at city public service counters and libraries. In addition, the forms can be obtained by calling the City Clerk Department Elections Division at 602-261-VOTE (8683).

Voters also may cast an early ballot in person at the City Clerk Department, Phoenix City Hall, 200 W. Washington St., 15th floor between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays beginning Monday, Aug. 11, through Friday, Sept. 5.

In this citywide election, voters will choose a mayor, city council members in Districts 1, 3, 4, 5 and 7, and will vote on propositions. The elected mayor and city council members for the odd-numbered districts each will serve four-year terms. The elected council member for District 4 will serve the remainder of a four-year term that began in January 2002.

If a candidate in any race does not receive a majority of the votes cast, a runoff election between the two candidates receiving the most votes will be conducted Nov. 4.

The election is open to all Phoenix residents who are registered voters and reside within the city limits at least 30 days before the election.

For more information about the election and early voting or to determine your polling place, please visit phoenix.gov or call the City Clerk Department Elections Division at 602-261-VOTE (8683) or 602-534-2737/TTY.

## READ YOUR WAY TO THE BALLPARK

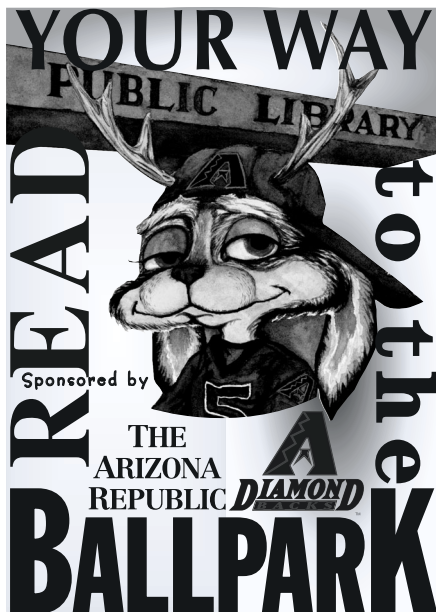
Want to score points with your kids this summer?

Take them to the nearest library to sign up for "Extra! Extra! Read Your Way to the Ballpark," the countywide summer reading program co-sponsored by The Arizona Republic and the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Youth from infants to teens can participate in the program, which includes a fun game with prizes, library appearances by Diamondbacks Organist Bobby Freeman and - best of all - a certificate to see the Diamondbacks play at Bank One Ballpark. Game boards are available at all Phoenix libraries.

Teens also can participate in "Shut Up and Read," another reading program that suggests that summer reading is best enjoyed without TV, the telephone and other distractions. Teens can earn prizes and qualify for grand-prize drawings just by spending a few minutes each day with a book.

The free programs continue through July 31. Information is available on the Internet at phoenixpubliclibrary.org or 602-262-4636.



## FAB 4TH MOVES TO STEELE INDIAN SCHOOL PARK

Fabulous Phoenix 4th, the city's celebration of America's Independence Day, will enjoy a new venue this year - Steele Indian School Park.

The 75-acre park at Third Street and Indian School Road will host two stages of entertainment and a special area for kids.

The July 4 event, now in its 18th year, has been held on the grounds of the State Capitol in past years.

This year's celebration, which will run from 4 to 10 p.m., will be capped off with a stunning fireworks display.

The Parks and Recreation Department is teaming up with Channel 12 and The Arizona Republic for this year's event.

Festival goers will be able to ride free shuttle buses to the event from two sites: North Phoenix Baptist Church at Bethany Home Road and Central Avenue; and Park Central Mall at Earll Drive and Central Avenue.

For further information about the event, parking and road restrictions, visit phoenix.gov or call 602-262-4627.



## WORKSHOP OFFERS INSIGHT ON GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING

Learn how to become a registered vendor with the government and maneuver through the contracting process by attending a free workshop 6 - 8 p.m. Thursday, July 10, in the first floor assembly rooms at Phoenix City Hall, 200 W. Washington St.

You'll learn how to complete and submit a bid or proposal, be added to a bidder's list, review services and commodities the government purchases annually, tell the difference between an Invitation for Bid and a Request for Proposal/Qualification and use government codes for commodities and services.

The workshop is limited to the first 100 respondents.

To reserve a seat or for more information, call 602-495-0761/voice or 602-534-1557/TTY.

## CUSTOMERS HAVE PAYMENT CHOICES FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES BILL

Phoenix municipal services customers have more ways than ever to pay their bills, including online.

In addition to the traditional personal check-and-mail method, customers can pay in the following ways as well:

- Online - Customers can pay a current bill online 24 hours a day by using the city's secure Web site. Just go to phoenix.gov and click on "E-services" and choose the "Water Bill Payment" link. There is no additional charge for paying online and the system accepts most major credit cards.
- Bank One - Any Bank One branch will accept a current bill. You will need to bring your bill.
- Payment Machines - You can pay your bill 24 hours a day, seven days a week using an automatic payment machine at the Water Services pay stations at 10255 N. 23rd Ave., 5036 W. Indian School Road., and 26 E. Baseline Road. The payment machine accepts cash, money orders and checks. You will need to have your bill with you and the machines do not make change.